Lesson of Memorial Day Today - Little Girls Help Soldiers Decorate the Graves. At the Smallest National Burying Ground in the United States. Flowers Cast Upon the Waters in Memory of Those Who Died at Sea. Ceremony of Carrying a Post Flag to the Cemetery at Barre, Mass.—A Floral Cross at Larned, Kan.—Clara Barton Memorial. Tribute to Twelve Nurses Buried at Arlington.

many customs based on sentinent alone survive half a century of regular observance, but that of remembering the nation's dead on May 30 has experienced no diminution since its first cele-

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STEPHEN R. WHITNEY, ABOUT TO LAUNCH HIS FLOWER BOAT "THE "CLARA BARTON



MEMORIAL TO CLARA BARTON, ANDERSONVILLE GEORGIA



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The time of mourning has therefore by the third has erect imparting a martial air to their bearing, despite the physical infirmities of three score years and ten, which have passed over the heads of the majority.

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veterans and the school children joining forces in paying it due homage.

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contribute, has decked his little craft with the Stars and Stripes, filled it with blossoms, which are sent to him from every part of the country, always including a floral tribute from the President of the United States, and has launched it with due ceremony far down the Potomac, where it is carried out to sea bearing its blossoms of remembrance for those who perished in naval engagements. The little launches are named, as a rule, in honor of one or another of the well known nurses who did duty at the front during the civil war. His boat this year is called the Catherine, after the daughter of a prominent veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Whitney, now in his eightlieth year, served with the 7th New York Heavy Artillery and did valiant

late years, and other organizations have year in Buffalo on Decoration day, clety of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with fitting words, threw flowers upon the little stream which flows through beautiful Forest Lawn

The nurses of the civil war will all share in the glory of the Memorial day exercises which will take place in the Andersonville national cemetery this month, for the beautiful monument

## Widow of Originator of Memorial Day Tells How Occasion Was Instituted

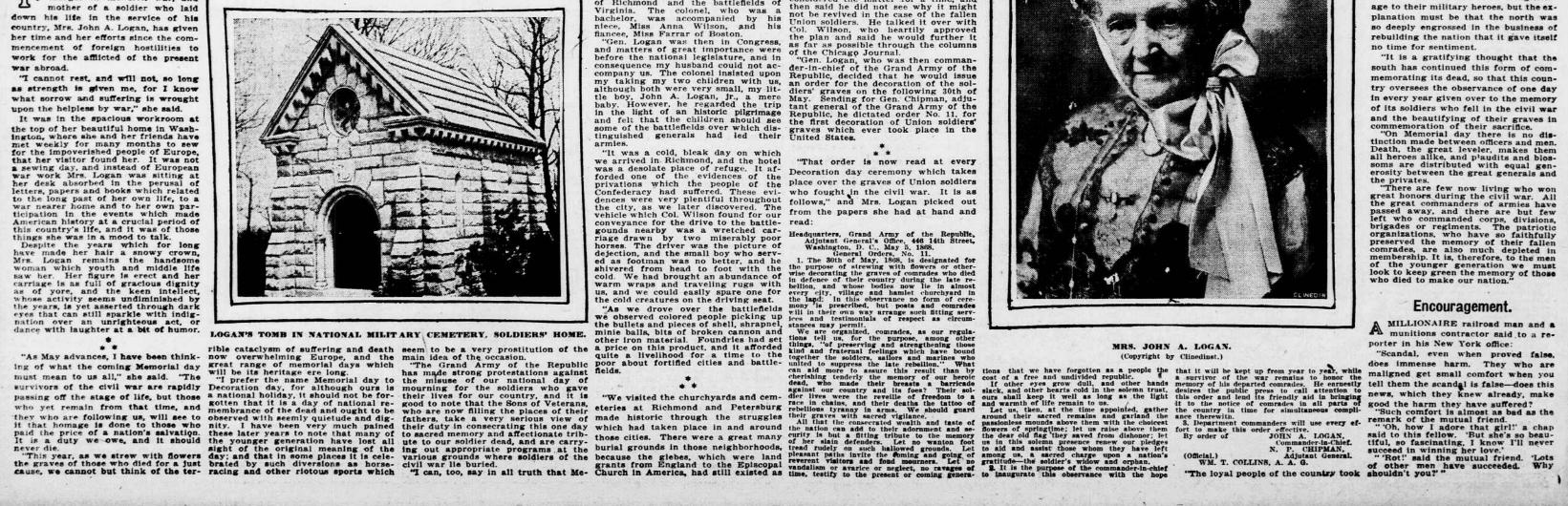
MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN Relates How Visits to Battlefields With Her Famous Husband Brought About the Idea of a National Holiday for the Decoration of Graves of Civil War Heroes—Tribute of Southern Men and Women to Their Dead Was the Real Origin of the Day-"General Orders No. 11"-Selection of the Day, May 30.

HE widow of a great general who led many victoriou . charges in the civil war, and mother of a soldier who laid down his life in the service of his country, Mrs. John A. Logan, has given her time and her efforts since the commencement of foreign hostilities to work for the afflicted of the present war abroad.

"I cannot rest, and will not, so long as strength is given me, for I know what sorrow and suffering is wrought

upon the helpless by war," she said. It was in the spacious workroom at the top of her beautiful home in Washington, where she and her friends have met weekly for many months to sew for the impoverished people of Europe, that her visitor found her. It was not a sewing day, and instead of European war work Mrs. Logan was sitting at her desk absorbed in the perusal of letters, papers and books which related to the long past of her own life, to a war nearer home and to her own participation in the events which made American history at a crucial period of this country's life, and it was of those things she was in a mood to talk.

Despite the years which for long have made her hair a snowy crown, Mrs. Logan remains the handsome woman which youth and middle life saw her. Her figure is erect and her carriage is as full of gracious dignity as of yore, and the keen intellect, whose activity seems undiminished by the years, is yet asserted through dark eyes that can still sparkle with indignation over an unrighteous act, or dance with laughter at a bit of humor. It was in the spacious workroom at



morial day has brought forth a great harvest of worthily expressed sentiment, the occasion having inspired men and women to utterances of real eloquence, beautiful thoughts and true poetry, because the theme is worthy of the best that loyal hearts can feel and gifted tongues or pens express.

"Yes, Decoration day was the thought and institution of Gen. Logan, and I recall every detail of every incident which led to its inauguration. It was in March, 1868, that Gen. Logan, redeeming a promise made during the election campaign of Grant and Colfax, made an engagement for himself and me to accompany his good friend, Col. Charles L. Wilson, editor of the Chicago Journal, upon a visit to the city of Richmond and the battlefields or Virginia. The colonel, who was a bachelor, was accompanied by his finece, Miss Anna Wilson, and his financee, Miss Farrar of Boston.

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"Gen. Logan was then congress, and matters of great importance were before the national legislature, and in consequence my husband could not accompany us. The colonel insisted upon my taking my two children with us, although both were very small, my little boy, John A. Logan, fr., a mere baby. However, he regarded the trip in the light of an historic pligrimage and felt that the children should see some of the battlefields over which distinguished generals had led their armies.

"It was a cold, bleak day on which we arrived in Richmond, and the hotel



most kindly to the idea," said Mrs. Logan, "and my husband's anticipations were fully realized by the observances of the day in every state in the Union, the exercises being characterised by observations very much the same as those which take place today.

"After many inquiries and some discussion, it was decided that May 30 was probably the most appropriate day for the universal observance of the ceremony in every state in the Union, and Gen. Logan finally succeeded in making the day a national holiday.

"I have always thought it strange that a people so loyal to their country should have been second of the two factions in our civil war in doing homage to their military heroes, but the explanation must be that the north was so deeply engrossed in the business of rebuilding the nation that it gave itself

no time for sentiment. "It is a gratifying thought that the south has continued this form of commemorating its dead, so that this country oversees the observance of one day in every year given over to the memory of its soldiers who fell in the civil war

of its soldiers who fell in the civil war and the beautifying of their graves in commemoration of their sacrifice.

"On Memorial day there is no distinction made between officers and men. Death, the great leveler, makes them all heroes alike, and plaudits and blossoms are distributed with equal generosity between the great generals and the privates.

"There are few now living who won great honors during the civil war. All the great commanders of armies have passed away, and there are but few left who commanded corps, divisions, brigades or regiments. The patriotic organizations, who have so faithfully preserved the memory of their fallen comrades, are also much depleted in membership. It is, therefore, to the men of the younger generation we must look to keep green the memory of those who died to make our nation."